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December 16, 2002

The Honorable George W. Bush
 President of the United States
 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
 Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

It is my pleasure to endorse Karen P. Tandy, Esq. as Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). I have known Ms. Tandy for many years, and have every confidence in her ability not just to succeed, but also to thrive in this important post.

Ms. Tandy's experience and education make her an excellent candidate to lead the DEA. As Associate Deputy Attorney General, she already oversees the Drug Enforcement Administration and the National Drug Intelligence Center. She has vast experience in developing national drug enforcement policies and strategies, and has worked extensively with Congress and the Office of Management and Budget on a variety of issues.

A graduate of Texas Tech University and Texas Tech Law School, Ms. Tandy's exemplary work has earned her a number of awards and commendations, such as the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service and the Department of Justice Award for Extraordinary Achievement.

I can think of no better person to serve as Administrator of the DEA at the beginning of the 21st century and to carry out the agency's mission to "enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States" than Karen P. Tandy. That is what she already has done throughout her distinguished career, and that is what she would continue to do at the DEA.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, or would like to speak to me further about Ms. Tandy's qualifications, please feel free to call me at 202-285-4805.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Griffin
 Executive Director, County Executives of America